



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Mrs. Anne S. Hill
Mr. Carl E. Moore

MINUTES OF THE **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **OCTOBER 14, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

OPENING CEREMONIES

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE

Present

Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña
Vice Chairperson Frank Bacio
Barbara Bigby
Rita Hall (arrived at 10:16 a.m.)
Anne S. Hill

Excused Absence

Carl Moore
John A. Hammargren

Staff

Lee Millen
Nyla Jefferson

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 7, 2009 MEETING MINUTES

On motion of Vice Chairperson Bacio, seconded by Commissioner Bigby and unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of October 7, 2009 were approved.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Chairperson Montaña reported the following:

- The October 11, 2009 Los Angeles Times article, "Flawed County System Lets Children Die Invisibly," reported on approximately 268 children that have died from January 2008 – August 2009.

- The October 13, 2009 Los Angeles Times article, "Probe of Children's Agency Requested," cited the request from community activists for a federal monitor to investigate the abuses and deaths within the Los Angeles County's Department of Children and Family Services.
- The October 8, 2009 Daily Breeze article, "Officials Discuss Chicago Teen Violence," provides statistics on children exposed to brutalities.

Following discussion, the Commission by acclamation requested that staff forward a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the above issue.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Bacio reported that the most recent deposit of two checks totaled \$105. The current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,606.93.

CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT

- The Ralph's Holiday Specials flyer was received.
- "Possibilities" EMQ FamiliesFirst Fall 2009 Newsletter was received.

DISCUSSION ON COMMISSION'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Vice Chairperson Bacio suggested catered food from La Imperial restaurant for the December 9, 2009 Holiday Gathering for approximately 40 people. He will contact the restaurant and provide a status report at the next meeting. An invitation will be extended to former Commissioners Vito Cannella and Helen Stathatos.

TIERRA DEL SOL SCHOLARSHIP

On motion of Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Hill and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to donate \$100 to the Tierra Del Sol Scholarship Program that assists special needs children.

COMMISSION LETTER TO ROBERT TAYLOR, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

The Commission reviewed the letter, and by acclamation requested staff to forward it to Robert Taylor, Chief Probation Officer.

FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2009 TO OCTOBER 13, 2009

Lifecircles Group Home – 27, #2 – Commissioners Bigby and Hill

The facility was visited on October 8, 2009; and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Area of Concern: Needs new carpet in 3 bedrooms and wall painted in 2 of the bedrooms. Commissioners will return in December for a follow-up inspection.

Dream Home, Inc. #2 – 14, #4 –Chairperson Montaña

The facility was visited on October 8, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Central Juvenile Hall – Commissioners Bacio and Hall

The facility was visited on October 8, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Cunningham's Group Home – 11, #3 – Commissioners Bacio, Hall and Moore

The facility was visited on October 13, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

Turmont Home for Boys – 47, #4 – Chairperson Montaña

The facilities were visited on October 13, 2009, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.